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HUNGARIAN MEDICAL STUDENTS
CONVICTED FOR CONSPIRACY

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On 11 and 12 December 1953, the Budapest County Court tried and convicted a group of persons who had organized and performed acts of terror against the People's Democracy.

Endre Zudar, leader of the group, initiated an antidemocratic organization in 1952 while he was still a medical student. He was assisted by his wife and by Gabor Palfay, Laszlo Jeney, Bela Barsony, and Laszlo Luka, who were medical students also.

The group wrote and distributed fascist propaganda pamphlets, then sent hundreds of anonymous letters to workshops and to social and state organizations, slandering faithful Communist employees by accusing them of writing and disseminating this matter.

The group planned to spread infectious diseases among the workers, and had designated Gabor Palfay to obtain infected material for this purpose. Other plans consisted of blowing up a railroad bridge and setting fire to various industrial installations.

Endre Zudar admitted that he had slandered 50 persons by accusing them of black-marketing, plotting against the republic, concealing arms, etc.

Zudar made a practice of listening to Western radio broadcasts. He expected American and Yugoslav troops to enter Hungary and wanted to put himself in a favorable position with the new regime. Zudar's colleagues also admitted their guilt.

Zudar was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment, Gabor Palfay, Laszlo Jeney, and Bela Barsony, to 10 years, while Mrs Zudar and Laszlo Luka were sentenced to 7 years each. All the accused have been deprived of civil rights for 10 years, and their property will be confiscated.

Dr Laszlo Zolnai, surgeon, Dr Ivan Nanasi, medical officer, and Miklos Oszkay, teacher, testified against the accused.

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